

Meeting of April 9th, 1911, at Newark Turn Hall. President Buchholz in the chair; twelve members present.

On the motion of Mr. Keller to hold a field meeting on May 30th, the President appointed Messrs. Keller, Brehme and Erhard as a committee to select a suitable place for the meeting. The Field Committee selected Springfield, New Jersey, for this meeting.

Mr. Keller reported that he had seen the Starlings (*Sturnus vulgaris*) picking the soft Arctia cocoons from sides of houses.

A general discussion on Forestry and Collecting in the United States and Germany by Messrs. Keller, Kircher and Buchholz was very interesting. The general belief was that more collecting is done by beating trees in Germany than in the United States.—HERMAN H. BREHME, *Secretary*.

OBITUARY

DR. HERMAN WILLEM VAN DER WEELE.

From a memorial notice (in Dutch) contributed to the latest issue (Volume 54, first Aflevering, April 8, 1911) of the *Tijdschrift voor Entomologie* by Dr. Ed. Everts, we learn some particulars of the life of this young Dutch neuropterist. Van der Weele was born October 8, 1879. His education was obtained at the Leyden High School, especially under Prof. A. C. K. Hoffman, and later at the University of Berne, Switzerland, at which latter, under Prof. W. Studer's direction, he produced his dissertation *Morphologie und Entwicklung der Gonapophysen der Odonaten* and obtained his doctor's degree. He became second conservator of insects at the Leyden Museum of Natural History, and went thence to the Dutch East Indies where he succumbed to cholera in Batavia, Java, August 29, 1910. His bibliography comprises twenty-seven titles of papers in English, French and German, the most extensive among them being two fascicules, on Ascalaphides, Sialides and Raphidides, of the *Catalogue Systematique et descriptif*

des collection zoologiques du Baron Edm. de Selys Longchamps. The memorial notice is accompanied by a portrait of van der Weele.

DR. EDOUARD PIAGET.

The same number of the *Tijdschrift* contains also a biographical notice (in Dutch) of Dr. E. Piaget, with two portraits at different periods of his life, by Dr. H. J. Veth. Dr. Piaget was born November 3, 1817, at Les Bayards, canton of Neuchâtel, Switzerland. He went to Holland about the age of eighteen, and studied law at the University of Leyden, intending to return to Switzerland as an advocate. He remained in Holland, however, until 1882, much of the time as lecturer in the Erasmian Gymnasium and in the Higher Burgerschool, at Rotterdam. Returning to his native land, he remained there until his death in the hospital at Couvet, September 10, 1910. He was interested in Botany and Entomology, in the latter being chiefly known for his work on the Pediculina, his principal memoir being *Les Pediculines, Essai Monographique* (Leide, E. J. Brill, 1880, pp. xxxix, 714, and atlas of 54 plates) with a *Supplement* thereto in 1885 (pp. xii, 162, 17 plates). His entomological papers date from 1869 to 1895. His entomological collection, herbarium and library were presented to the city of Neuchâtel in 1905. He was also the author of a history of the Jesuit order.

DR. SAMUEL HUBBARD SCUDDER.

The daily newspapers announce the death of this veteran entomologist and paleontologist at his home in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on May 17, 1911. We hope to publish a notice of his life and work in the next number of the NEWS.

ERRATUM.

Lines 14 to 17, page 227, of ENTOMOLOGICAL NEWS for May, 1911, should be transferred to the note on "*Platyp sylia castoris* Rits. in California" at the top of the same page.